

In re Application of: Richard M. Peterson

Serial No.: 10/054,744

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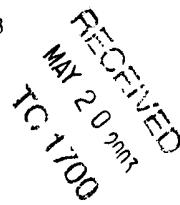
Title: Process For Producing Smoking Articles With Reduced
Ignition Proclivity Characteristics And Products Made
According to Same



Group Art Unit: 1731

Examiner: Dionne A. Walls

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	Claims remaining after amendment	Highest number previously paid for	Present Extra	Additional Fee
Total Effective Claims	50	minus 49	= 1	X \$18 = \$ 18.00

Independent Claims 5 minus 3 = 2 x \$84 = \$ 168.00

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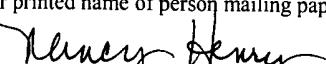
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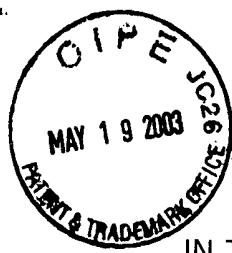
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated February 21, 2003, please amend the
above-captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of Claims that begins
on Page Two of this Response.

Remarks begin on Page 11 of this paper.

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